projects in the North-Eastem Region is fixed at higher level of 33.33% subject to a ceiling of Rs. 60.00 lakhs per project.

(b) The existing cold storage capacity in Karnataka is 55147 MTs which can be used for storage of perishable goods in the State. Under the scheme entitled 'Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/ Modernization of Cold Storage and Storage for Horticulture Produce', no financial assistance is provided directly to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, organizations like State Corporations, Cooperatives, Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees, Marketing Boards/ Committees and Agro Industries Corporations which are under the control of State Government are eligible to avail the benefit of the scheme.

**MoU between APFEDA and NCTI**

2749. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APFEDA) and the National Centre for Trade Information (NCTI) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for exchange of information; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES INTHE MINISTRY OFAGRICULTURE (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH): (a) and (b) As per information made available by Ministry of Commerce, a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed. The MoU envisages NCTI Cooperation—*inter alia* towards:

- Optimal utilisation of the strengths of NCTI for export promotional activities of APEDA.
- Analysis and provision of information on global trade statistics including imports/identification of supplier countries, production, demand etc. of APEDA products.
- Providing information of APEDA for further dissemination of electronic trading opportunities of APEDA products to its member exporters.